

Public Safety Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2020 6:00 p.m.
MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY DUE TO COVID-19.

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Dianne Duggan, Public Safety Chair.
- 2. Roll Call.** Members present: Dianne Duggan and Erika Stuart. Others present: Police Chief Patrick Reese, EMS Chief Jamie Kessenich, City Administrator Ian Rigg, and Customer Service Representative Leah Hurlley. Members of the public present: Ray Legris, Union Township resident and Jason Knox, Orfordville, WI resident. Excused: Bill Lathrop.
- 3. Agenda.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion was approved 2-0.
- 4. Minutes.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the August 5, 2020 Public Safety regular meeting minutes. Motion was approved 2-0.
- 5. Citizen appearances.** None
- 6. Old Business.** None
- 7. New Business.**
 - A.** There was much discussion on ATV/UTV route within city limits. Legris, (Union township resident and Union Township Planning and Zoning Committee member) stated his intent is to promote opening City of Evansville streets to a designated ATV/UTV route. He is requesting City of Evansville to be open minded to the possibility of allowing access on certain roads. Some discussion items included, insurance, licenses, possible increase in local business revenues, noise concerns. Chief Reese asked Legris to come up with a plan/route and schedule a meeting with Chief Reese and Economic Development Director, Jason Sergeant to bring back to a future Public Safety Meeting.
 - B.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, the recommendation to Council 2020 bundle rates with Life Quest. Motion was approved 2-0.
 - C. Discussion on crowd control.**
 - D.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the Original Operators License applications for:
 - 1) Diana K Hagler
 - 2) Domenico A Moscato
 - 3) Kody T Hunt.Motion approved 2-0.
 - E.** Motion to recommend to Council approval of new agent for Casey's General Store. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to recommend to Council the approval of new agent for Casey's General Store. Motion approved 2-0.
- 8. Evansville Emergency Medical Services Report.** Chief Kessenich sent the report electronically. There were 44 calls for service during the month of August 2020 and 47 calls for service during the month of August 2019. 351 to date call volume for 2020 and 415 to date call volume for 2019. Continue to wear full PPE is being worn on all calls: N95 mask, safety glasses/goggles, face shield, and gowns. Boot/shoe covers are worn only when coming in contact with positive cases. With the mask mandate everyone is wearing a cloth or surgical mask when at the station not conducting patient care. Advanced Skills testing has begun, six individuals have already started. Ongoing training will occur, in groups of 4 or less, for the department who

are either an EMT/EMR. This will begin in the next couple of weeks. Lifequest completed a 2020 Recommended Rates EMT-B Fully Bundled analysis, with the approval of PSC and Common Council rates will increase as stated on the attached agreement. You will see an attached survey for service level comparisons using Geo-Zip. Last analysis and update was in 2016. Chief Kessenich reported she had a meeting with the “new” Administration at the Evansville Manor. Chief Kessenich reported this person is a temporary administrator and are currently conducting interviews to hire full-time personnel. Discussion items included - response criteria, concerns over mandatory temp checks at the door, bringing the patient’s to the front door when/if possible, in addition to 911 vs. private transport ambulance services.

9. Evansville Police Department Report. Chief Reese gave the written monthly report covering the training for officers, community outreach, updates in the department, staffing matters, and accreditation. **Officer Training:** Officer Wendt is moving from FTO Schmidt to FTO Laufenberg for phase two this week. Range qualifications are September 21st – all sworn employees will attend. Chief Reese & Sgt. Rittenhouse will be presenters for the upcoming Spectrum Series Building a Safer Evansville is putting on regarding LGBTQ and Law Enforcement. Several EPD Officers are attending the training. This will be held virtually: Ofc. Schmidt is signed up to attend armor school. Sgt. Reilly was also to attend but is currently on family leave. Det. Sgt. Rittenhouse has been signed up for a search warrant and affidavit writing class next month. Much training has been cancelled due to COVID-19. **Community Relations:** Ofc. Laufenberg met with a local day care per their request to meet and talk to the kids about safety. Social distancing was adhered to. Chief Reese has sent in the proper paperwork to participate in the drug take back event being held in October. Chief Reese will meet with other Rock County leaders at Blackhawk Technical College as part of the Community Outreach Team to discuss the Public Safety & Transportation Center they wish to build at the college. **Monthly Update:** **Technology/Equipment/Building Update:** Lt. Jones is looking into dictation software that may help us become more efficient. We tried this out about 10 years ago and it didn’t work for our needs. Technology has improved. We had some problems with our body cameras downloading. Lt. Jones was able to trouble shoot the problem with Computer Know How and they are working. We had some water intrusion again from the east side of the building. Chief Reese discussed with Ray Anderson and he was going to get someone to look at the building and make suggestions. **Police Commission/staffing:** Nolan Wendt continues his field training. Sgt. Reilly is on FMLA – congrats to him, baby boy was born 9lbs 10oz. Mom is doing good, Sgt. Reilly has a few more grey hairs. With Sgt. Reilly being on FMLA & Ofc. Wendt being in training and only having one part time officer with limited availability we have been short staffed. This has created some overtime. The staff has been great about filling in, Chief Reese and Lt. Jones have been helping to cover some open slots and acting as court officers. Angelica Wolf is almost done with her pre-employment screening. We look forward to her starting. We estimate her start date to be September 15th. Quinn is working to find a balance with PD work and Community Development work. He’s doing about 25% of the work Chief Reese would like him to be doing about 25% of the work Jason would like him to be doing. Jason and Chief Reese met to try and find a better balance of his time between the two departments. Chief Reese met with Ian which lead to discussions on dictation software to cut back on time spent typing

Calls for Service: August 2020: 971 August 2019: 1387. **Accreditation:** No update

Notable incidents/calls: Sgt. Rittenhouse is NOT related to Kyle Rittenhouse, the accused shooter in Kenosha. Unfortunately there have been several inquiries asking if Sgt. Rittenhouse is related to him. This has me concerned for her safety. Incident involving the loop at the middle school has been resolved. Sgt. Rittenhouse & Ofc Wendt, and Schmidt responded to a home on Franklin St where the homeowner discovered an explosive device in their closet (we suspect it was from a previous tenant/owner). Was an old grenade/flash bang – Dane County Bomb Squad removed and disposed of the device for us. Ofc Nankee & Schmidt assisted the RCSO at the

Southern Wisconsin Airport for V.P. Pence visit to Wisconsin last week. Ofc Nankee along with other SWAT members responded under mutual to Kenosha to assist with the civil unrest. Other Concerns/Comments: All demonstrations have been peaceful in Evansville. Thank you to DPW for cleaning our sign in front of our PD and cleaning up our weeds and sidewalk. Parking on S First St by the Middle School. Removal of No Parking Signs on the East side of S First St. Mrs. Dobbs wishes for this to be modified. Cruise night will be held with a drive through town. Final one of the year. No traffic closures and they agreed to obey all traffic laws. Creekside is sponsoring the event.

10. Budget Update

11. Meeting Reminder: Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2020 6:00 p.m.

12. Motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to adjourn at 7:09 pm. Motion was approved 2-0.

Leah Hurlley, City of Evansville

The minutes are not official until approved by the Public Safety Committee at the next regular meeting.